

SENATE BILL 887
By McNally

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 5, relative to educational personnel.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 5, Part 4, is amended by
adding a new section thereto, as follows:

Section 49-5-417.

(a) Each teacher of science or mathematics in grades 7-12 shall have a
baccalaureate degree or higher and:

- (1) Have majored in or have credits equivalent thereto in science or
mathematics, depending on the subject area taught; or
- (2) Have no less than five (5) years experience in the field of science or
mathematics, depending on the subject area taught.

(b) Any LEA seeking a waiver from the provisions of this section shall certify to
the board that all reasonable efforts have been employed to find teachers who meet the
provisions of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring
it, and shall apply to all teachers initially employed after the effective date of this act.